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MISSION STATEMENT

"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2006

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Comm.
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Goldsmith, Donna – League of California Cities
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Jobs, Chief Darrell – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Norris, R.N., Monica – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators

Guests Present

Fisher, Roger – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Haworth, Mike – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Association
Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Marsan, Robert – UCSD
Pfohl, Chief Bob – Santee Fire
Ramanujam, M.D., Prasanthi – UCSD
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College
Yates, Judith – Hospital Association of San Diego and
Imperial Counties

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Members Absent

Adams, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association
Beeson, Travis – American Red Cross
Prendergast, Lt. Ed. – Law Enforcement Agencies
Schroeder, Dave – Fourth District
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hospital Association of San Diego and
Imperial Counties

County Staff Present

Angelo, Carmel
Bonesteele, R.N., Jeri
Marcotte, R.N., Annie
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Ray, Leslie

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Emergency Physicians' Society
First District
Military Agencies
S.D. Co. Medical Society
Third District

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Forman, R.N., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Chief Darrell Jobes, Seconded by Linda Broyles, R.N., to approve the Minutes of May 26, 2005 and November 17, 2005 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS FOR ACTION

A. Disaster/Operations and Planning

Did not meet.

B. Prehospital/Hospital

Discussion ensued on policies P-806 and P-807.

ACTION: Revisions were suggested for Policy P-806 and this policy will be returned to EMCC Prehospital/Hospital for further review at their next meeting.

MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Dan Graham, to approve policy P-807 with minor revisions. MOTION carried.

C. Education/Research

Did not meet.

D. Base Station Physicians' Committee

- STEMI Update: The second Cardiology Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was held January 4, 2006. It served as a very productive meeting with diverse representation from just about all of the hospital and stakeholder groups. The process towards designating STEMI receiving centers continues to move forward.
- Stroke Update: The plans to move towards establishing a regionalized stroke system are continuing with subcommittees being established to explore opportunities that were brought out at the Stroke Summit.
- ROC: The Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium continues to move forward with protocol development and local resource identification. The hypertonic saline study for patients with severe traumatic brain injury or shock from hemorrhagic shock is progressing forward and will hopefully be initiated in the spring.
- AHA Guidelines: The 2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care have been released. The text can be found at the following website of www.americanheart.org/cpr

- Patient Destination/Bypass Issues: December was extremely busy for ALS transports as well as the number of patients bypassed to other facilities and an increase in the number of hours hospitals were on bypass status. However, despite these increases, the numbers are still considerably lower than the previous year and the correct path continues for decreasing bypass hours and transporting patients to their requested facility of choice.

E. Executive Committee

Did not meet.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Update on EMS Medical Director (Carmel Angelo, EMS Interim Director)

Samuel Stratton, M.D., a physician from U.C. Irvine was offered and had accepted the position of San Diego County EMS Medical Director. However, during the third week of January, Dr. Stratton called Carmel Angelo, stating that U.C. Irvine had made him a counter-offer that he couldn't refuse and he would not be taking the EMS Medical Director position. Ms. Angelo contacted Bruce Haynes, M.D., EMS Medical Director for Orange and Imperial Counties, asking if he would accept an interim position with San Diego County. Dr. Haynes accepted the interim position effective February, 2006.

Chief Jobes requested that a representative from EMCC be able to be a member of the interview panel and Ms. Angelo acknowledged no problem with that and they could discuss it further after the meeting.

Debbie Workman, R.N., expressed concern regarding Dr. Vilke's departure and had questions regarding the time commitment for the interim medical director.

Ms. Angelo responded that Dr. Haynes gave assurance of at least 20 hours a week working for San Diego County and has committed to stay as long as necessary in the San Diego County EMS Medical Director position.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. EMS Five Year Plan Survey Results (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

The State of California requires all local EMS agencies to submit a plan every five years. A task force was originally convened to identify long-range planning for the EMS Five Year Plan. A sub-group including Ms. Forman, Wayne Johnson, Janie Kramer, R.N., Shelley Berthiaume, R.N., Joanne Stonecipher, R.N., and Dr. Vilke was instrumental in developing questions and identifying areas for the survey. The e-mail survey, called "Survey Monkey" was sent out to many stakeholders in May,

2005 and the rate of return was 45% which was outstanding (a total of 264 surveys returned).

The goal of EMS is to ensure that all the residents of and visitors to San Diego County receive the highest quality emergency medical and trauma care. Annually there are over 205,000 ambulance calls, 5,700 major trauma patients, eighteen receiving emergency departments, six trauma facilities, seven base hospitals and approximately 45 ambulance agencies.

More specific results from specific questions were shown on a slide presentation by Leslie Ray, County EMS.

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORT

Nothing further.

VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS